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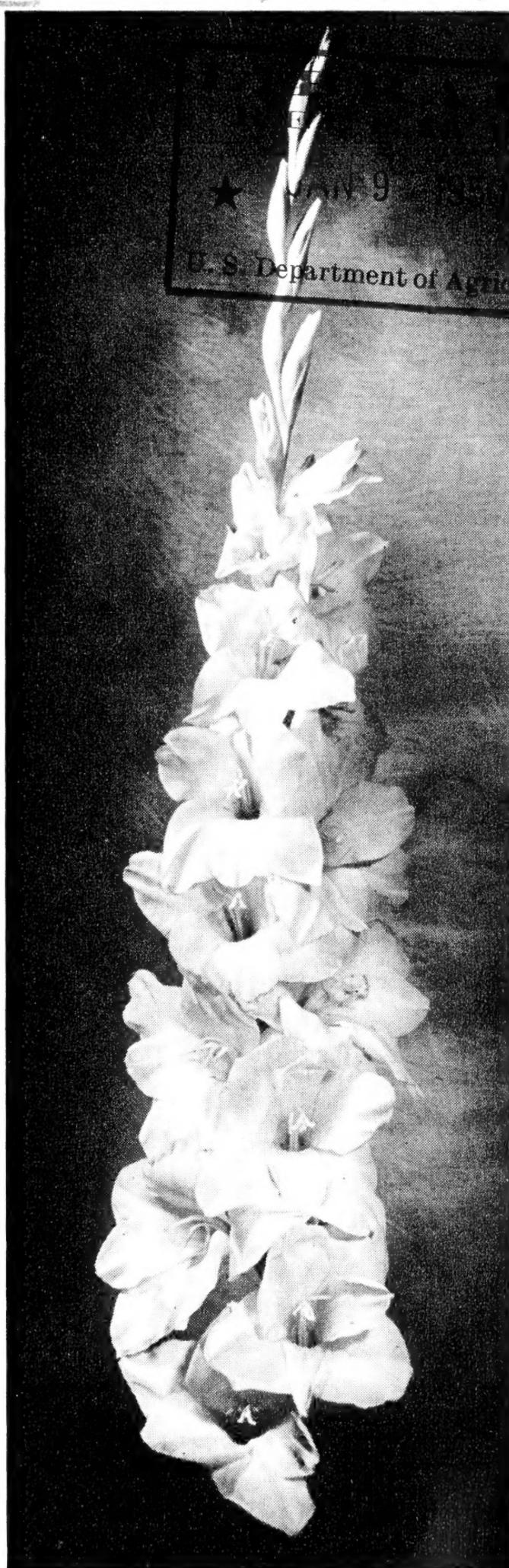
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TERRIFIC

From the Home of Champions

1950



OUR CHATTY NOOK

With the exception of a couple of dry spells we had a fine growing season. Our seed bed of between 40 and 50 thousand after a very dry start came thru nicely with some blooming. Many fine sdlgs, on test that are proving exceptionally well so far. By hybridizing on a large scale we are able to be most critical of our introductions. To illustrate, the past summer we discarded over 100 sdlgs, on from two to five years test, these all had good previous records but developed some small defect or previously had a defect which they failed to eradicate. Some hybridizers would introduce most of these but we can not afford to.

1949 was the worst year we ever had to get bloom for show dates, consequently we exhibited at only four shows, W. Va; Penna; Tri-State and East Liverpool. While we had bloom for a couple of other shows transportation was not available. Where we did show our winnings were most satisfactory with 90% winning blue ribbons and eight champions. If you have been checking show reports you well know that Wilson originations have been consistent winners over the years at major shows. Winning 91 blue ribbons and eight champs, at the Illinois shows alone in 1949.

With such a large number of sdlgs, on test we were compelled to discontinue growing our varieties introduced prior to 1947, but other growers list most all of the varieties we have released since 1938, seventy five in all and with the exception of seven all have won blue ribbons.

The past summer bulbs made very good growth with excellent increase of blts, all clean and healthy, which we believe is due to our careful scrutiny of every bulb planted, also at digging time and while cleaning. We do not plant beyond our capacity to handle this careful inspection of all stock which is taken care of in all departments by one man, your Uncle George. No hired help to gum anything up or send out inferior stock, SO all told our score stands at only one complaint.

If advance reservations are anything to go on we may have insufficient stock of Terrific, Gorgeous Deb, Glorious and Glamorous, but hope we do not have to disappoint anyone.

CANADIAN CUSTOMERS PLEASE NOTE, we will ship by Parcel Post ONLY, so secure your P.P. permits in good time.

All varieties in this list originated by:

G. W. WILSON ROUTE NO. 5 LISBON, OHIO

1950 INTRODUCTIONS

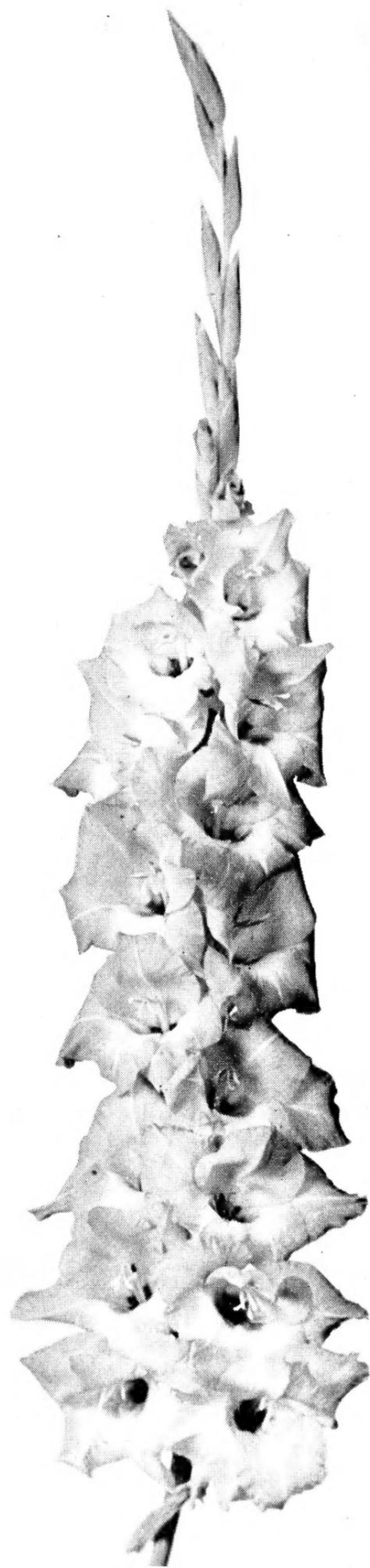
TERRIFIC

GOLD LODGE X GOLDEN GODDESS

(About 70 days)...Sdlg. No. R-31. At last the honest to goodness deep canary yellow of top performance. Illustrated on front cover of this list, photo of which was taken from the first spike to bloom from a large bulb in 1949. Has a very faint small pin line barely noticeable on lip. $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch floret with very strong attachment, 12-13 open, 22 buds, 29 inch flowerhead, 69 inches overall, well open not hooded, tall thin fairly dark green slightly drooping healthy foliage 49 inches tall and clean healthy bulbs. From large bulbs 16 buds were showing color before any opened with six opening the first morning. Plain petals with some fluting on edges. Straight strong stem to tip. Florets opening in water to the last bud. First bloom in 1944. Treated with corrosive sublimate it bloomed in 70 days, not treated in 63 days. Last spring early we planted 32 bulblets in two large baskets in our bulb house, 31 germinated coming through the ground in just 10 days from planting. Last fall we dug three jumbo bulbs that were planted early, carefully keeping them separate until cured and cleaned. On counting the blts. of these three they averaged 197 per bulb not counting a lot of pin heads. While blts. are quite small they germinate almost 100%. Have only one shell which is very thin thus eliminating shelling or soaking. Terrific is an all weather glad. The past two years it has bloomed during our hottest weather and as we used it extensively for hybridizing, near all spikes bloomed out in the field and in 95 to 100 degrees of hot sun showed no signs of wilt or burn. With such top performance it is bound to be a fine commercial.

It has taken ten years of pains taking special crossing and many thousands of yellow sdlgs, to produce Terrific.

In 1948 the floods destroyed practically all our planting stock of this variety and we had to start over in 1949 with about 1600 blts. salvaged from a few No. 3 bulbs and our present blt. stock is mostly from a few jumbos. We probably should not offer blts. this season as we are anxious to built up a large stock for commercial, but bulblet production was so good that we finally decided to loosen up on blts. feeling sure our stock is inadequate to fill all orders. Also we will offer bulbs in No. 6 size only this year. All large bulbs must be held for our own blt. production. TERRIFIC is terrific all will agree. Not just another yellow that happened. Other introducers would ask double our introductory price. Per each No. 6, \$2.00; Blts. each .60 or 10 for \$5.00.



GLORIOUS

STORM CLOUD

HIGH FINANCE X TREASURY GOLD

(About 90 days)...Sdlg, No. 271-K. Smoky orange with small cream blotch with no markings. One of the few smokies that does not flea. Like most smokies it will fade if left blooming in hot sun. An occasional small kink just below flowerhead in hot weather. Very light ruffling and well open, not hooded. One of the cleanest and most attractive colored smokies we know. Very strong attachment. $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch floret, 9 open, 21 buds, 27 in. head, 60 in. or more overall. Very showy under artificial light. Good propagator. Should do a lot of winning. Smoky lovers, here is a real out of the ordinary smoky that will surely please you. It is most persistent in making perfect formal type for us, all spikes from large bulbs have first floret right up in place. We really think a lot of this one and believe you will. Bloomed first in 1942 so has been very thoroughly tested. Per each No. 4, at \$3.50; No. 6, \$2.50; Blts. .50 each or 5 for \$2.00.

ALZADA

ROSE DEFIANT X JACK POT

(About 65 days)...Sdlg. No. O.K.-61. Smoky old rose with big cream blotch with no markings. No flecking. Unique, different and very beautiful color everyone likes. We have had several opportunities to sell this glad outright but refused all offers. Blt. production is good and it blooms from bulblets. While it has won three blue ribbons, Tri-State both 1946-48 and Ohio State 1947, we are not introducing it as a big show prospect but as a real novelty. We have never been able to get more than six open on it. $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. 18 buds, 28 in. head, 60 in. overall, very strong attachment, husky growth and healthy and has also been with us a long time, blooming first in 1941. If it would open 8 or more we would introduce at a much higher price. Each No. 4, \$3.00; No. 6, \$2.00; Blts. each 40 or 5 for \$1.50.

1949 INTRODUCTIONS

GLORIOUS

MRS. RICHARD McGOVERN X FRANCES M. IRWIN

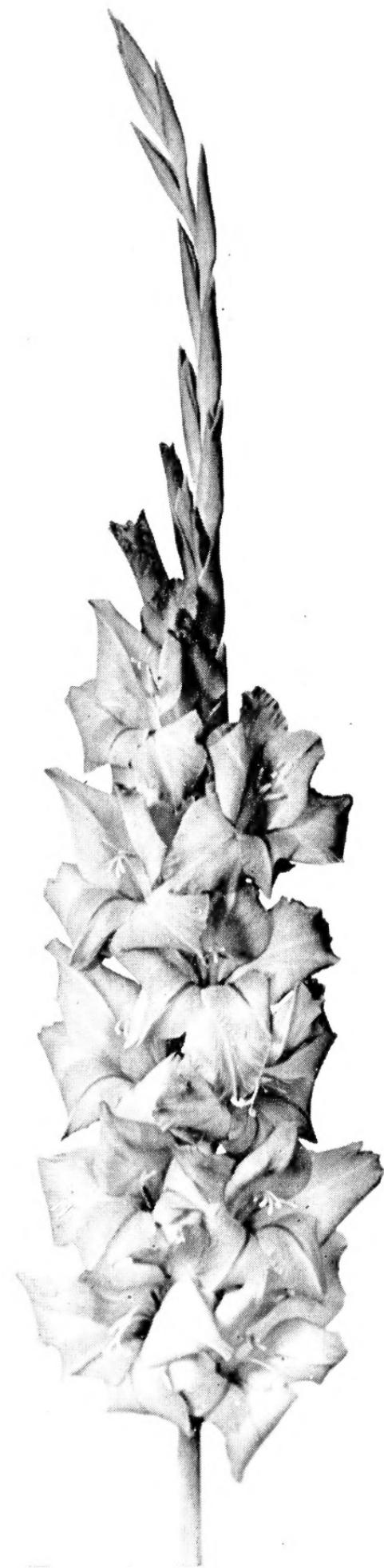
(About 90 days)...Again we say as in the past, your one best bet for sure blue ribbons and better. We have been making the crack in our list the past two years that Glorious is unbeatable in its class and so far it has not made us out a liar. It did lay down on us by not blooming for show dates in 1949 so we had to settle for four blues on four entries at three different shows. The total score of 100% for the past four years is eleven blues on eleven entries, with six champs. Show for show as follows. Ohio State (Cleveland) first. Chagrin Falls as sdlg. under number, both one and three spike, the 3 spike for a sec, champ, competing with named varieties in 1946. East Liverpool first both one and three spike, the 3 spike was sec, champ, and champion 3 spike of the show, 1947. Ohio State first, East Liverpool first, sec, champ, and runner up for show champion, 1948. Tri-State first open. Penna, first one spike open and first R.I. East Liverpool first three spike open and sectional champion, 1949.



Deep salmon, no flecking, cream blotch with small rose throat feather, Wide open not hooded. Showing in class 332. Strong attachment. Florets right up to 4½ inches, up to 29 buds, 12-15 open, 30 inch flowerhead, 60 in. overall, stems strong and large average straight. Stands hot sun and 95 to 100 degrees without wilting or burning.



You simply can not win blue ribbons with Glorious if you don't grow it and with the price cut in half this year you CAN now grow it. We have been using more Glorious for hybridizing than any other variety. This glad everyone should have. Each Large \$4.00; Medium \$2.50; Small \$1.50; Blts. .20 or 10 for \$1.75.



CHOCTAW

GORGEOUS DEB

VICTORY QUEEN X FRANCES M. IRWIN

(About 90 days)...Wish we had a check up on how many fanciers we have heard remark that Gorgeous Deb was the most beautiful large glad with heavy ruffles they have ever seen. Very strong attachment and very heavy substance, wide open not hooded. High percentage of straight stems. An occasional off placed floret. Light salmon with no flecking and yellow blotch with no markings. The heavy ruffling and fluting is exquisite. We have had 7 inch florets and 34 inch flowerheads, 9 open, 6 in color, 65 inches overall.

At East Liverpool in 1948 with sdlgs. and named varieties classed together, we made a three spike entry of Gorgeous Deb under number, winning first open, sectional champion, three spike show champ, champion sdlg. and show champion. In 1949 at Penna, show first and sec. champ. East Liverpool first open in large class. Willing to bet our shirt that Gorgeous Deb will be a large collector of blue ribbons in the next few years as large bulbs start working. Should win color champ at many shows.

Excellent producer of large blts. that make excellent growth.

Beauty at its best GORGEOUS DEB, with this year's price cut in half and we have a good stock. Prices same as for Glorious. We can make per 10 rate to meet others

GLAMOROUS

VICTORY QUEEN X BEAUTY CLINIC

(About 90 days)...Big clean colored golden orange with clean yellow blotch. No flecking or markings. Very heavy substance, well ruffled, very strong attachment, over $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, 9-10 open, 21 buds, 28 in. head, 60 in. overall. Straight strong stem needing no support in hot weather. Floret wide open, not hooded. Excellent formal type and good reproducer.

Glamorous has refused to bloom for show dates up until 1949 when it came thru to show its ability. With only one spike in bloom for the W. Va. show it won first open and color champion. The following week end we took five spikes to the Tri-State show, entering in 1 spike and 3 spike open and R.I. All three entries won sectional champs, the 3 spike was division champ, one of which was runner up for show and color champion. Also first open at Penna. Five championship rosettes at one show is not bad.

For a glad with the beauty, health and performance of Glamorous it is not surprising that we picked up many reservations for stock at the 1949 shows. Each Medium \$3.00; No. 6, \$1.50; Blts, each .30.

WAHOO

GRAY PHANTOM X VAGABOND PRINCE

(About 70 days)...Big smoky orange with some feathering on tips. Large clean vivid R.O. blotch. Plain petals wide open, not hooded. Broad straight heavy dark green foliage. All very healthy. Excellent reproducer of blts, of good and easy germination. 6 inch floret, 26-28 buds, 34 in. flowerhead, 62 in. overall, 12 open, we have had 14 open and do think this could be stretched. All spikes give fine performance for us. Will discolor if left open in hot sun. Shown but little so far but should come through for a lot of blue ribbons. Our winnings. Ohio State first 1947. Penna. State first. East Liverpool first and second day champion. W. Va. first R.I. Tri-State first R.I. second open, its only defeat to a super spike of our older introduction High Finance, 1948. This smoky you should have to jack up your blue ribbon collection.

Per each No. 3, \$1.50; No. 5, \$1.00; No. 6, .80; Blts, .20 or 10 for \$1.50, or 20 for \$2.30.

GRACIOUS

LAVENDER RUFFLES X LAKE PLACID

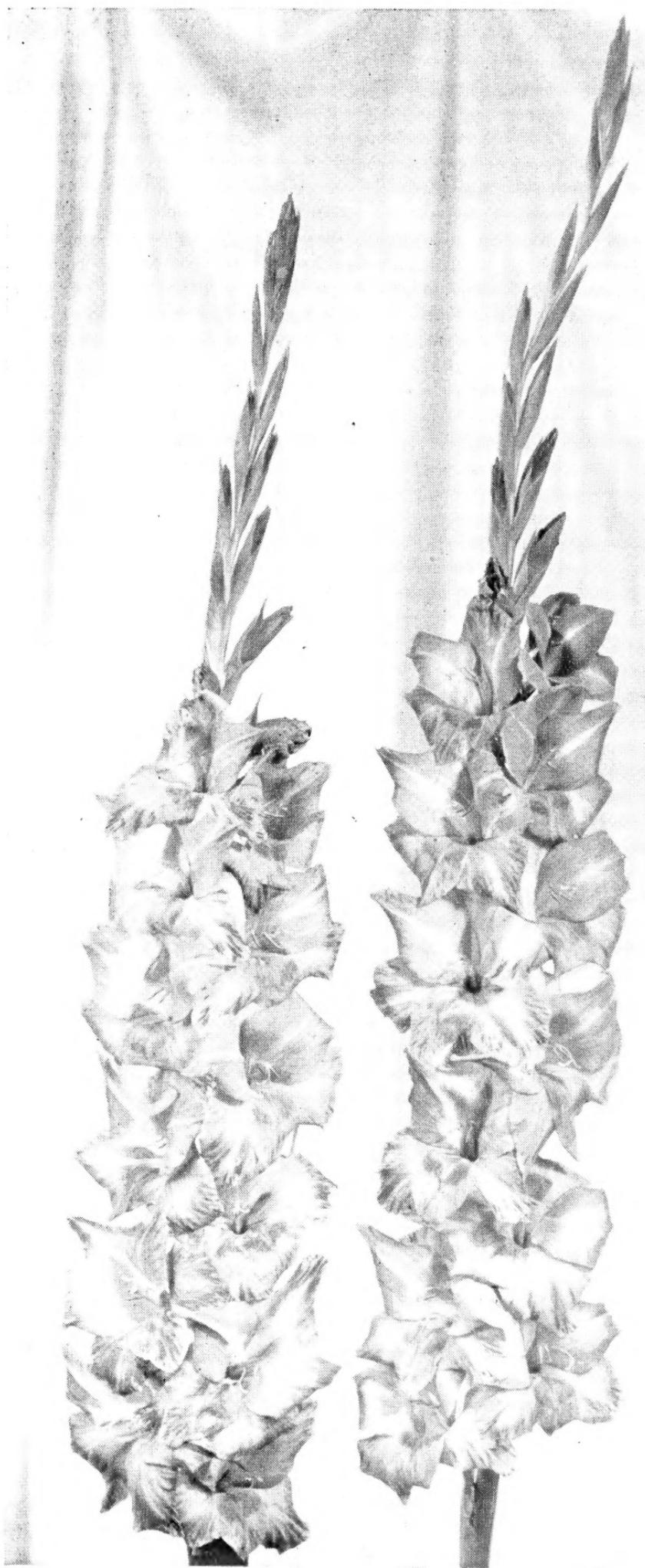
(About 70 days)...A very light pastel lavender self of excellent formal type on most all spikes, taking after its pollen parent Lake Placid of which many growers say is a 100% cutter. Very rarely a spike will open cream. Has all the qualities for a good commercial as well as a good show glad. Strong straight stem, strong attachment ideal placement. 5½ in, 8-9 open, 6 in color, 20 buds, 28 in. head, 60 in. overall. Upright dark green foliage.

Shown at only two shows, both for blue ribbons. Ohio State 1947. Tri-State 1948. A real beauty if you like very delicate coloring. Per each No. 3, \$1.80; No. 4, \$1.60; No. 6, \$1.20; Blts. .30 or 10 for \$2.30.

CHEYENNE

RED LORY X COMMANDER KOEHL

(About 85 days) 1948...Wide open ruffled scarlet, not hooded. Excellent formal type. 8-10 open, 20 buds, 60 inches overall, 27 inch head, 5½ inch floret. Healthy upright dark green foliage. Excellent propagator. Always gives us a very fine performance as a cut flower. Growers are just starting to stock this item as a commercial as many are finding it tops in this department in its color. We sold rather close on this last year so present stock is none too large. No. 3, \$1.10; No. 4, .95; No. 5, .80; Blts, .15 or 10 for \$1.00.



WAHOO

CHOCTAW

TREASURY GOLD X MRS. RICHARD McGOVERN

(About 90 days)...Big rich light chocolate with R.O. blotch, no markings. On textile color chart it is burnt orange and henna with pimento blotch. Greek to most of us but a very outstanding and beautiful color anyway and so different from all others, coupled with its fine formal type it is a tough one to beat in the A.O.C. class. We always get it planted too late to catch most shows, tho with eight starts so far it has not been beaten for the blue ribbon from our showing. Ohio State first. Chagrin Falls first. East Liverpool first and sec, champ, 1947. Ohio State first. East Liverpool first both one and three spike and sec, champ, 1948. East Liverpool first 1949.

Very vigorous growth of both spike and foliage, foliage making 12-13 big broad, deep green crinkly leaves. Excellent propagator. Performance for us is all one could ask for. 10 open, 22-24 buds, very strong stem and attachment, 28 in. head, 60 in. overall. Showing in the mammoth 590 class. For something different in color and thrilling performance, grow Choctaw the eye catcher everywhere. Large each \$1.70 or 10 for \$13.60; Medium \$1.30 or 10 for \$10.40; Small .90 or 10 for \$7.20; Blts. .15 or 10 for \$1.20 or 100 for \$8.00. A 1948 introduction.

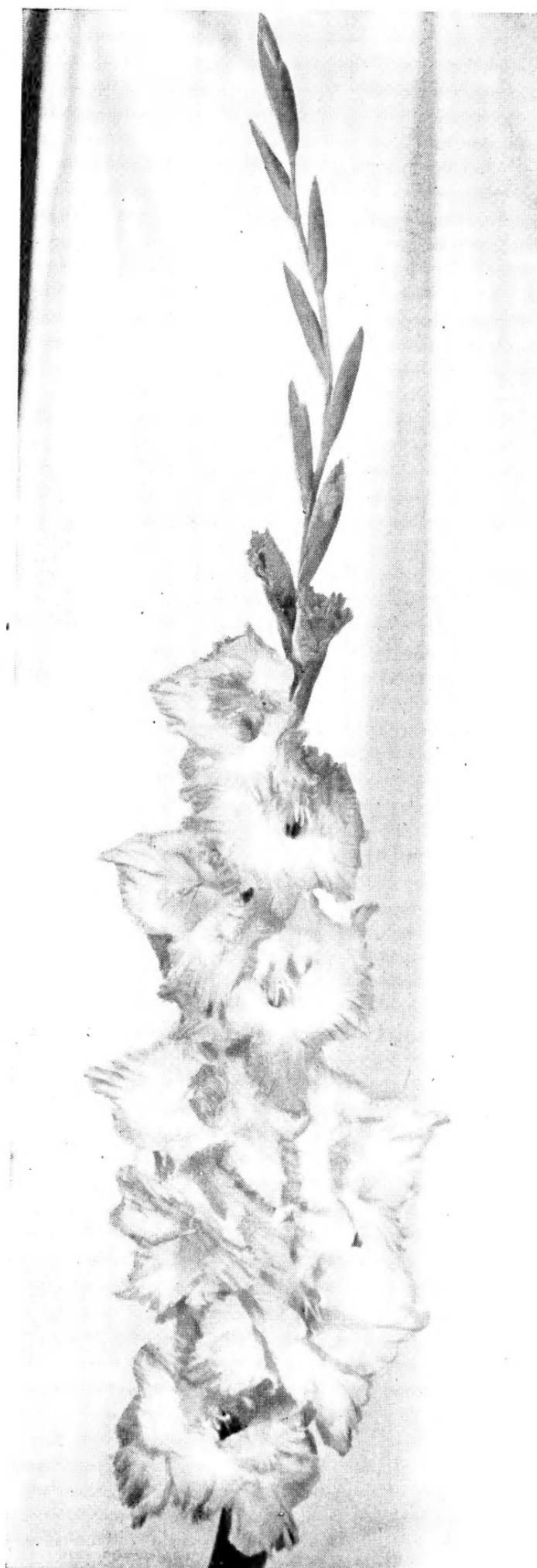
SOUTH SEAS

GRAY PHANTOM X VAGABOND PRINCE

(About 90 days)...Attractive big husky growing blue slate gray with deep orange and yellow blotch. Quite a different color in glads. Good string of blue ribbons in the past four years. Ohio State 1946. East Liverpool 1947. Penna. State, W. Va. and Ohio State 1948. Missed all shows in 1949. Just our own winnings and we hope to see it in more shows next summer. One of the finer smokies. 6 in. floret, 8 open, 20 buds, 28 inch head, 65 in. overall. Strong attachment and stems averaging high for straight. Very healthy bulb and foliage. No. 3, \$1.70; No.5, \$1.00; Blts, .20 or 10 for \$1.60. A 1947 introduction.

Play Santa Claus to yourself this year with TERRIFIC. If we were to sell every bulb we have of it at \$5.00 each, it wouldn't pay its expense account to date. It has scored a heavier overhead than any variety we have ever introduced but is well worth it.

If you do not already have Glorious, Gorgeous Deb, Glamorous and Wahoo, you're just in the wrong league 'sall.



GORGEOUS DEB